

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 4 has been amended to clarify an existing feature without narrowing the scope thereof. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration.

OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING:

On pages 2-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of selected claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,957. In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer and without admission as to the obviousness of the claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

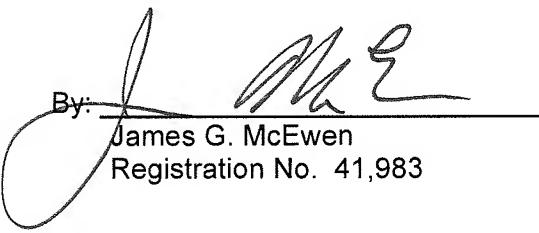
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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